**DISTANCE SCOUTING PROGRAMME 14**

**(19 JUNE 2020)**

**“THE DRINGLES – JOURNEY TO THE RUNNYMEAD”**

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| **You have until 19h00 on Friday 26 June 2020 to complete this programme. Please note that the inspection item should ideally be done on or before Sunday 21 June 2020. Follow the instructions carefully and you will be marked “present” for the programme, earn points for your patrol and hopefully compete some advancement and prepare for upcoming programmes and camps. More importantly, HAVE FUN!!!** |

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| **Equipment required for programme:**   * A cellphone with internet access and WhatsApp access to your patrol WhatsApp Group. * A phone or camera with the ability to take a video. * A way of measuring how far you walk / run during your daily exercise sessions. * Paper and a writing implement * Your personal journal |

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| **The PL should, as always, designate who is doing what and, if nobody is doing an item (such as posting a training video) do this item so that the patrol can complete the programme.** |

What an adventure awaits you! You have been selected to represent your Run of Dringles at the Runnymead. To get there you have enlisted the help of one of your feathered friends and will be flying first class to this distinguished meeting. If you built a bird feeder as part of the last programme, don’t forget to post your observations of birds using your feeder in order to complete your advancement.

You got your Dringle passport ready and, to make things even better, you tackled Einstein’s Riddle. Some of the Dringles managed to solve the riddle, others didn’t. How did you do? The German keeps the fish, but you knew that, right? Here is how everything panned out:

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| **House 1** | **House 2** | **House 3** | **House 4** | **House 5** |
| Yellow | Blue | Red | Green | White |
| Norwegian | Dane | Brit | German | Swede |
| Water | Tea | Milk | Coffee | Lemonade |
| Cubs | Rovers | Meerkats | Scouters | Scouts |
| Cat | Horse | Bird | Fish | Dog |

In order to solve the riddle, it is often more important to know what a house is not rather than what it is. Write out under each house all the possibilities that the house could be, and then eliminate those that can’t be there.

For example, from the initial clues, we know the following (we are told that the Norwegian is next to the blue house):

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| **House 1** | **House 2** | **House 3** | **House 4** | **House 5** |
|  | Blue |  |  |  |
| Norwegian |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Milk |  |  |
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We also know that the green house is to the left of the white house. Because house 2 is blue, this means that house 1 cannot be green or white. It then has to be either yellow or red (we already know which house is blue). Use this method to eliminate more and more possibilities until you have solved the riddle. There are (very long) solutions on the internet if you get stuck. (You can easily tell the colour of the Norwegian’s house, because the Brit lives in the Red house. That leaves only one possibility).

Enough about riddles though, you need to get ready for your trip!



**INSPECTION:**

You are packed and ready to go when you hear some sobbing in the next garden. A human child is crying his eyes out. He is talking on his cellphone to his friend about his problem. From the conversation you learn that he forgot to get his father a gift for Father’s Day and he is now beside himself.

Dringles love to help out, and although you do need to get going to the Runnymead you are sure you can find a moment or two to help out. Just try to do this in time for Father’s Day (this coming Sunday). You tell the human child that you will help (nobody will believe him if he tells anyone about you) and get to work.

Do something nice for a deserving human father (your own would be nice!) on or before Sunday 21 June 2020 and post a picture of what you did on your patrol WhatsApp group. If you forget to do this item by the Sunday, do it later in the week, better late than never! Your help should be in the form of a good turn, doing something nice or making (but not buying) a gift.

**GAME:**



You’re off! Your Dringle friends gather to wave you off as you climb onto the saddle on your feathered friend, who wings off to the north and the Runnymead. A long flight lies ahead, but you will get a unique “birds eye” view of the trip on the way.

Below are some of the sights you crossed on your trip. Can you identify the famous sites and the cities they are found in? Post your answers (site and city) on your patrol WhatsApp group and then use this information to plot your trip on a map of the world. A map can be downloaded for free if you need one from <https://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/wrldnanb.htm>. Post a picture of your map once you have plotted the journey.

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| Victoria Falls (Helicopter Aerial View) - Zambia / Zimbabwe Africa ...Stop 1 | Friday prayers across Middle East overshadowed by coronavirus ...Stop 2 |
| Astronaut snaps fantastically clear pic of Egyptian pyramids from ...Stop 3 | Aerial view of Acropolis of Athens.. | Atene, Acropoli, Partenone  Stop 4 |
| Colosseum Aerial Views - Colosseum Rome Tickets  Stop 5 | Arc De Triomphe and the 12 Grand Avenues from the sky--chapter 67 ...Stop 6 |
| Aerial View of St Pauls Stock Footage Video (100% Royalty-free ...Stop 7 | Empire State Building Midtown Aerial | Keith Sherwood PhotographyStop 8 |
| Aerial view of the Washington Monument in Washington, DC - PeapixStop 9 | A Plan for the Gateway Arch Leaves a St. Louis Highway in Place ...Stop 10 |

**THE GRIZLODS:**

You are almost at your destination when wren pulls alongside your bird with an anxious-looking Dringle on board, who desperately signals for you to land. The look on her face makes it clear that this is a matter of urgency and you immediately head for a large oak tree.

The Dringle lands next to you. “Thank goodness I got you in time” she exclaims.

“What is the problem?” you ask.

“There are two pieces of bad news that I have for you” she responds.

“Firstly, it would appear that the human virus can infect Dringles too, so you need to take precautions. We are desperate for information on the virus.

More importantly though is that the Grizlods have learnt about the Runnymead and have staked out the area around the Runnymead. Five delegates have already been killed. They are using hawks and other large birds of prey to swoop on unsuspecting delegates as they fly in.”

Grizlods! Every Dringle’s worst nightmare, the Grizlods are the sworn enemeys of Dringles. Where Dringles enjoy fun, mischief and helping out, the Grizlods thrive on the misery and suffering of others. Nothing makes a Grizlod happier than watching someone else in pain or difficulty, and Grizlods will actively try to harm humans for their own pleasure.

Grizlods also believe that eating Dringles gives them magic powers, and many a careless Dringle has ended up as a snack for a Grizlod. Staking out the Runnymead allows Grizlods to hunt Dringles and to ruin the chances of Dringles helping humans, no wonder the approach is so dangerous! You are going to have to take some precautions.

**This covers towards First Class Safety Awareness Item 3i**

**If you have completed your Discoverer Safety Theme Badge** research some basic self-defense techniques and put together a fun session for your patrol where you teach them in the techniques. Invite your scouter to listen in on the session.

**If you are still working on your Traveller or Discoverer Safety Theme Badges** take part in the training session draw up a list of five rules that you can think you can follow to make you and your family safer from crime. Post this list on your patrol WhatsApp group.

**DEALING WITH THE VIRUS:**

In addition to the Grizlods, you now have to worry about contracting the virus too! Luckily for you you learnt a great deal about the virus observing the scouts in the hotel, so you are pretty clued up. Most of the other Dringles haven’t got a clue.

Put together a training video of no more than five minutes for the other Dringles where you train them in the following:

* What is a virus;

**This covers Item 1 of the Covid-19 Awareness Badge. For the full requirements, visit** <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/>

* Why the virus is called “novel coronavirus” or “Covid-19” (How did these names come about?);
* How the virus is spread;
* What the symptoms of the virus are;
* How you can prevent spreading the virus;
* What “flattening the curve” means and why is it important;

Post your video on your patrol WhatsApp Group and show it to your parents.

**THE GAUNTLET:**

You now have some knowledge on how to defend yourself from the Grizlods and your video will really help the other Dringles – if you can get it to them in time. You are about 20km from the Runnymead. Flying in will be suicide, but you are now close enough to make use of the Dringle tunnel network. Shank’s Pony it is! Hopefully the Grizlods have not yet discovered the tunnels, can you run the gauntlet and make it to the Runnymead in time?

Before the end of the week cover at least 20km by running or walking (no cycling). Keep a record of the distance covered and post the distance that you cover on your patrol WhatsApp group, either after each exercise session or your cumulative total at the end of the week.

**If you have not already completed the challenge, this will earn you a “Hike to Mafikeng” challenge badge. For full details on the “Hike to Mafikeng”, visit** <https://www.scouts.org.za/hike-mahikeng-challenge/>.

If you do this on the streets, make sure that you wear a mask and adhere to social distancing regulations. You can earn bonus points by:

* Making up the distance in public wearing clothing that clearly identifies you as a scout (post a photo of you in your scout-branded outfit);
* Covering more than 20 km (the more distance, the more bonus points!)



**BLOGS:**

Let the Run back home know how you are doing and post an update in either your personal log or on your patrol Blog on what you did this week.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



* Congratulations to Jason Bailie on achieving his Artist Badge.
* SCOUTS South Africa has challenged each troop to take part in a hike to Mafikeng. BP was in charge of Mafikeng (now Mahikeng) during the Second Anglo-Boer / Anglo-South African War. In order to get to his post he would have travelled from Cape Town, some 1 290km away. The challenge is for the troop to complete this distance, for which we will receive a certificate. Go out each day and make a note of how far you “hike”. Together we need to try and reach 1 290km before 1 August 2020. If you personally complete 20km, you will get a badge. Details of the challenge can be found at <https://www.scouts.org.za/hike-mahikeng-challenge/>

The troop would like to issue out two special challenges:

1. Can your patrol cover the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol that achieves this feat.
2. Can you personally complete the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol member that completes this feat and a special prize at the end of lockdown.

Remember to post updates on your patrol WhatsApp group as to how far you have travelled so that this can be added to your time for the challenge!

* Applications for the National Senior Scout Adventure are now open. If you are going to be 15 or older please message your PL that you want to take part and register at <https://cederbergadventure.co.za/>. **DO NOT PAY A DEPOSIT YET!!!**
* A reminder that SCOUTS South Africa has made branded facemasks available at a cost of R40,00 per mask, excluding delivery. Visit the online scout shop at <https://shop.scouts.org.za/> to place your order.
* The Northrand Scout District is running a competition for all NORTHRAND Scouts. The Northrand Scout that earns the most interest and/or scoutcraft badges during the lockdown will win a prize worth roughly R150,00. Can you be the best in the district and scoop the prize?

SCOUTS South Africa has developed a Covid-19 awareness badge. Are you up to the challenge? Visit <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/> for information on the requirements.

* This Distance Scouting Programme is an experiment. We would appreciate constructive feedback on the programme. Please send this to [andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za).

**TROOP DISMISSED!**